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VIA FACSIMILE

Honorable Colleen McMahon United States District Court Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007

April 21, 2008

Re: Valentin v. Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, et al. Index No. 08-civ-2484 (CM)

Dear Judge McMahon:

We are the attorneys for Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center ("Bronx Lebanon") in the above referenced matter. I write to respectfully request that the Court extend until May 19, 2008, Bronx Lebanon's time oppose the United States' motion to dismiss this action with prejudice. The reason for this request is that rather than serving my office with the Notice of Motion and supporting documentation, the United States served my client directly. It was not until recently that my office actually received the motion papers.

I've discussed this request with the United States Attorney's office, but they would only consent to a two week extension. Due to the severity of the relief sought, however, the additional time will permit Bronx Lebanon to properly address and oppose the motion.

Accordingly, Bronx Lebanon respectfully requests that the Court extend until May 19, 2008, the time to oppose the United States' motion to dismiss.

Respectfully Submitted.

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